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Title: Convertible Rongeur

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

To: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to an Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003, in connection with the above-referenced reissue patent application. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension to reply, and encloses the required fee herewith. Applicant authorizes any additional fees to be charged to Hughes Hubbard & Reed Deposit Account No. 08-3264.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 herein.

Remarks begin on page 7 herein.